

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO AMERICORPS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to over 100,000 individuals who have served the American community through their participation in Americorps. As this program completes its fifth year, I would like to recognize some of the outstanding work that Americorps members have been doing in the Los Angeles area.

Working with Building Up Los Angeles, over 100 Americorps participants a year serve thousands of young people from kindergarten through high school at 29 sites including public schools, churches and community centers. Corps members tutor and mentor children during the school year and deliver academic support services when school is out; provide health education and organize teen pregnancy and domestic violence prevention programs; and encourage residents to have pride in their communities through neighborhood clean-up and beautification projects and public art projects. Building Up Los Angeles serves East Los Angeles, Central City South, Hollywood, Northeast Los Angeles, Pico Union, Koreatown, the San Fernando Valley, Picoima, South Central, and Watts.

Over 100 individuals with the Southern California Environmental Resources Management AmeriCorps Program have been working to protect our environment by distributing over 30,000 water-conserving devices, such as low-flow showerheads, to residents in the Compton area and other communities in the greater metropolitan basin. The program, which is administered by the Executive Partnership for Environmental Resources Training (ExPERT), will mean a savings of over 4 billion gallons of water per year over the next ten years.

In Bellflower, California, approximately 65 Americorps tutors work with Project REACH (Reading Excellence Achieved with Community Help) and Project APPLE (After School Program Promoting Learning and Enrichment), which provide academic support and enrichment for 1300 students in grades K-8, with emphasis on grades three and four. This year, additional opportunities to serve through Project REACH and Project APPLE included a series of literacy programs designed to promote parent involvement; helping to organize the Special Olympics; assisting with a Community Immunization Project; planning activities for children in the performing arts; providing nutrition education; and developing initiatives that help children gain teamwork and leadership skills.

Through their work, Americorps members are helping to improve neighborhoods and schools, develop communities, and protect the environment. I am pleased to have this oppor-

tunity to commend and thank those individuals who have served through the Americorps program and made such valuable contributions in the Los Angeles area.

TRIBUTE TO HANK SMETAK

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Hank Smetak. Mr. Smetak worked 50 years in the defense industry, helping keep America free, during times of war and peace.

Mr. Smetak's career in the aerospace defense industry has spanned over five decades, through conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf, and outlasting a Cold War that had an impact on almost every part of the world.

Mr. Smetak started his career at Vogt, now Lockheed Martin, from 1949 to 59, from 1959 through 1968 he was employed by Rohr Industries. Then he returned to Lockheed serving from 1968 to the present. From Rohr to LTV to Loral to Lockheed Martin, Mr. Smetak has been a constant through many changes, and he had helped make North Texas home to the cutting edge of America's defense industry.

Mr. Smetak, thank you for 50 years of loyalty to North Texas' defense industry. For 50 years, your work has contributed to defending America's freedom and our values, and has helped make us the world's only Superpower.

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH A. SLOAN

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention an honor bestowed upon Deborah A. Sloan, a teacher at Zia Elementary School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ms. Sloan was selected as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program.

Ms. Sloan, was selected from a national pool of more than 2,700 applicants for this honor. As a member of the Navajo/Hopi Tribe and a distinguished teacher she is an outstanding representative of the rich, diverse culture in New Mexico. Ms. Sloan joined 200 educators from throughout the United States to travel Japan. They visited primary and secondary schools, colleges, businesses and cultural sights to learn about effective educational tools and techniques. As a representative of New Mexico schools she shared her knowledge and insight regarding education with people from throughout the United States and

Japan. Her participation is a tribute to her dedication and commitment to the children of Zia Elementary and the future of our community.

Please join me in thanking Deborah A. Sloan for contributions she is making to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT H. ROSENTHAL

HON. DAN MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I respectfully pay tribute to a good friend and a wonderful constituent, Mr. Robert H. Rosenthal. He is an accomplished builder, humanitarian, and long time friend and leader of the American Jewish Committee. On February 10, 2000, the American Jewish Committee's West Coast Florida Chapter will honor Mr. Rosenthal with its 2000 Institute of Human Relations Award.

Bob is a generous philanthropist, stalwart advocate of Israel, and a champion of disadvantaged children. For two decades, the American Jewish Committee has been a focus of Bob's wide-ranging efforts in public affairs, serving in a variety of positions, including President of the West Coast Florida Chapter for three years.

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Bob founded the R.H. Roberts Construction Company in 1952, serving as CEO and President until his retirement in 1980. Throughout the years, his company won awards for architectural excellence and he earned a reputation for promoting engaged corporate citizenship.

With his extraordinary talent for leadership and his great magnanimity, Bob has furthered the cause of all humanity. It is indeed a pleasure for the American Jewish Committee to applaud the civic concern and social vision of Robert H. Rosenthal, and, I honor him today as a friend and leader, and praise his contributions on behalf of the 13th Congressional District of Florida.

POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the occasion of the Third Annual Caucus for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail to be held October 22 at Oxon Hill Manor, in my District.

Since Congress designated the Potomac River corridor as a National Scenic Trail in

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